

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the Application.

1-18 (Cancelled)

19. (Previously presented) A scalable system for collaborative computing comprising:

a web zone for allowing a plurality of client computers to access the scalable system via a global-area network, the web zone having at least one web server;

a meeting zone for supporting an on-line conference among the plurality of client computers, the meeting zone having a meeting manager, a plurality of collaboration servers, and a plurality of application servers, wherein:

the meeting manager is operable to manage the on-line conference in the meeting zone;

each collaboration server is operable to host at least a portion of the on-line conference; and

each application server is operable to support at least one service for the on-line conference;

wherein the meeting manager is operable to receive a request to join the on-line conference from a client computer, and to select at least one of the collaboration servers and the application servers based on respective processing loads of the collaboration servers and the application servers.

20. (Previously presented) The scalable system of claim 19 wherein each collaboration server and each application server comprises a respective logical server.

21. (Previously presented) The scalable system of claim 20 wherein the meeting zone comprises a process manager for monitoring each logical server.

22. (Previously presented) The scalable system of claim 20 wherein the meeting zone comprises a zone manager for supporting communication among the logical servers.

23. (Previously presented) The scalable system of claim 19 wherein the meeting manager is operable to maintain status information for the meeting zone.

24. (Previously presented) The scalable system of claim 19 wherein the at least one service for the on-line conference comprises one of document viewing, file sharing, video, voice over IP, telephony, polling, chat, and application sharing.

25. (Previously presented) The scalable system of claim 19 wherein the meeting manager is operable to manage all the collaboration servers and the application servers in the meeting zone.

26. (Previously presented) The scalable system of claim 19 wherein the meeting manager is operable to determine whether a predetermined number of authorized conference participants has been exceeded.

27. (Previously presented) A method for collaborative computing in a scalable system having a web zone and a meeting zone, wherein the meeting zone has a meeting manager, a plurality of collaboration servers, and a plurality of application servers, the method comprising:

at the web zone allowing a plurality of client computers to access the scalable system via a global-area network;

at the meeting zone supporting an on-line conference among the plurality of client computers;

at the meeting zone receiving a request to join the on-line conference from a client computer; and

selecting at least one of the collaboration servers and the application servers based on respective processing loads of the collaboration servers and the application servers.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27 wherein supporting the on-line conference comprises hosting the on-line conference in the meeting zone.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27 wherein supporting the on-line conference comprises managing the on-line conference in the meeting zone.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27 wherein supporting the on-line conference comprises supporting at least one service for the on-line conference.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27 comprising maintaining status information for the meeting zone.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27 comprising determining whether a predetermined number of authorized conference participants has been exceeded.